

+ SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

Special Needs Shelters are designed to house the following:

- Those critically dependent upon electricity for life support equipment
- Those who require constant medical observation (such as dementia/ Alzheimer's patients)
- Those who need assistance with medications
- Those whose medications are required to be refrigerated
- Those with cognitive disabilities

Each special needs person is given 60 square feet for their cot, belongings, and caregiver. Caregivers should accompany their special needs person to the shelter.

Special Needs Shelters have back-up electrical generators to power lights and electrical outlets for medical equipment. Special Needs Shelters may not have air conditioning.

Special Needs Shelters are managed by the Department of Health in Duval County and have medical staff on hand to provide emergency medical assistance, if needed.

If you or someone else needs to evacuate to a Special Needs Shelter, Duval County requires you to pre-register every year.

CONTACT US

For more information about Duval County Evacuation Shelters, such as what to bring with you, to register for our Special Needs Shelters, or to pre-arrange for transportation to an evacuation shelter in the event of a disaster, visit our website:

www.jaxready.com/

or call

630-CITY (630-2489)



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DUVAL COUNTY EVACUATION SHELTERS

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WHAT ARE EVACUATION SHELTERS?

If you plan to evacuate during a storm or disaster and have nowhere safe to go, consider going to a Duval County Evacuation Shelter. Duval County has three types of evacuation shelters that may be opened during a disaster: General Population Shelters, Pet-Friendly Shelters, and Special Needs Shelters. **Shelters are a place of last resort.** They will provide two basic necessities — shelter and food.

Duval County has 27 evacuation shelters. Most are located in schools. The 7 shelters most likely to open during a disaster are:

Shelter			
The Legends Center	✓		
LaVilla School of the Arts	✓		
Landmark Middle School	✓	✓	
Oceanway Elementary School	✓		
Chaffee Trail Elementary School	✓		
Chimney Lakes Elementary School	✓	✓	
Atlantic Coast High School	✓		

NOTE:  —General Population Shelters
 —Pet-Friendly Shelters
 —Special Needs Shelters (TBA)

Shelter openings will be announced on television, radio, and the internet.

ONLY go to the shelter when it is announced the shelter is open.

GENERAL POPULATION SHELTERS

General Population Shelters are open to the public on a first come, first served basis. There is very little privacy in a shelter and it may be crowded.

Bring your disaster supply kit to the shelter, including a sleeping bag or air mattress and bedding. Cots may or may not be supplied at the shelter and are subject to availability.

- Each person in a General Population Shelter is given 20 square feet of space for your cot (if one is provided) and your belongings.
- Most General Population Shelters do not have generators and may lose power during a hurricane or tropical storm.
- Smoking and alcohol are not permitted in shelters. (Florida Statutes Ch. 386; Sec. 154.107, Ordinance Code)
- Meals will be provided but individuals with special dietary needs should bring food with them. Microwaves are not available. Bring non-perishable food items.
- Law enforcement will be on site. However you are advised to leave valuables at home and keep close watch on your children and belongings.
- General Population Shelters are managed by the American Red Cross.

Call 630-CITY (2489) for more information.

PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS

Pet-Friendly Shelters provide emergency sheltering to people and their pets. Pets will be sheltered in an area separate from their owners. Owners are required to care for their pets just as they would if they were at home. Animal Care and Protective Services will register your pet on site. Pets must be current with vaccinations. No reptiles are accepted in shelters.

Remember to bring the following items for each pet:

- Enough food and water for 3 days
- Food and water bowls
- Enough medications for 3 days
- Pet carriers with bedding
- Vaccination and health records
- Current photo of pet
- A collar on the pet with:
 - ◆ ID tag
 - ◆ City license tag
 - ◆ Rabies tag
- Leash
- Plastic bags to dispose of pet waste
- Cat litter and litter box

Dogs, cats, and rodents are allowed in Pet-Friendly Shelters.